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## Adoption of 2000 Editions of Construction Codes

On January 15 and February 5, 2002, the City Council approved adoption of the 2000 International Building Code (IBC), the 2000 International Residential Code (IRC) and the 2000 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) on first and second readings of the new ordinance. The 2000 IBC and IRC have been adopted in Title 18 of the City Code, with local amendments. The 2000 UPC has been adopted in Title 21 of the City Code, also with local amendments.

The effective date of the newly adopted codes is April 2, 2002. Sealed architectural / engineered plans and drawings submitted between 1/15/02 and 4/2/02 will be accepted by OCI if designed under either the 1997 or the 2000 codes. The newly adopted codes were reviewed with extensive input from the design and construction industry, building and trade associations, and the City's Building and Plumbing Boards over a 15-18 month period.

The Mechanical Board is currently completing its review of the 2000 International Mechanical Code with recommendations for local amendments. The current target date for presentation of the updated Mechanical Code to City Council is mid-April 2002.

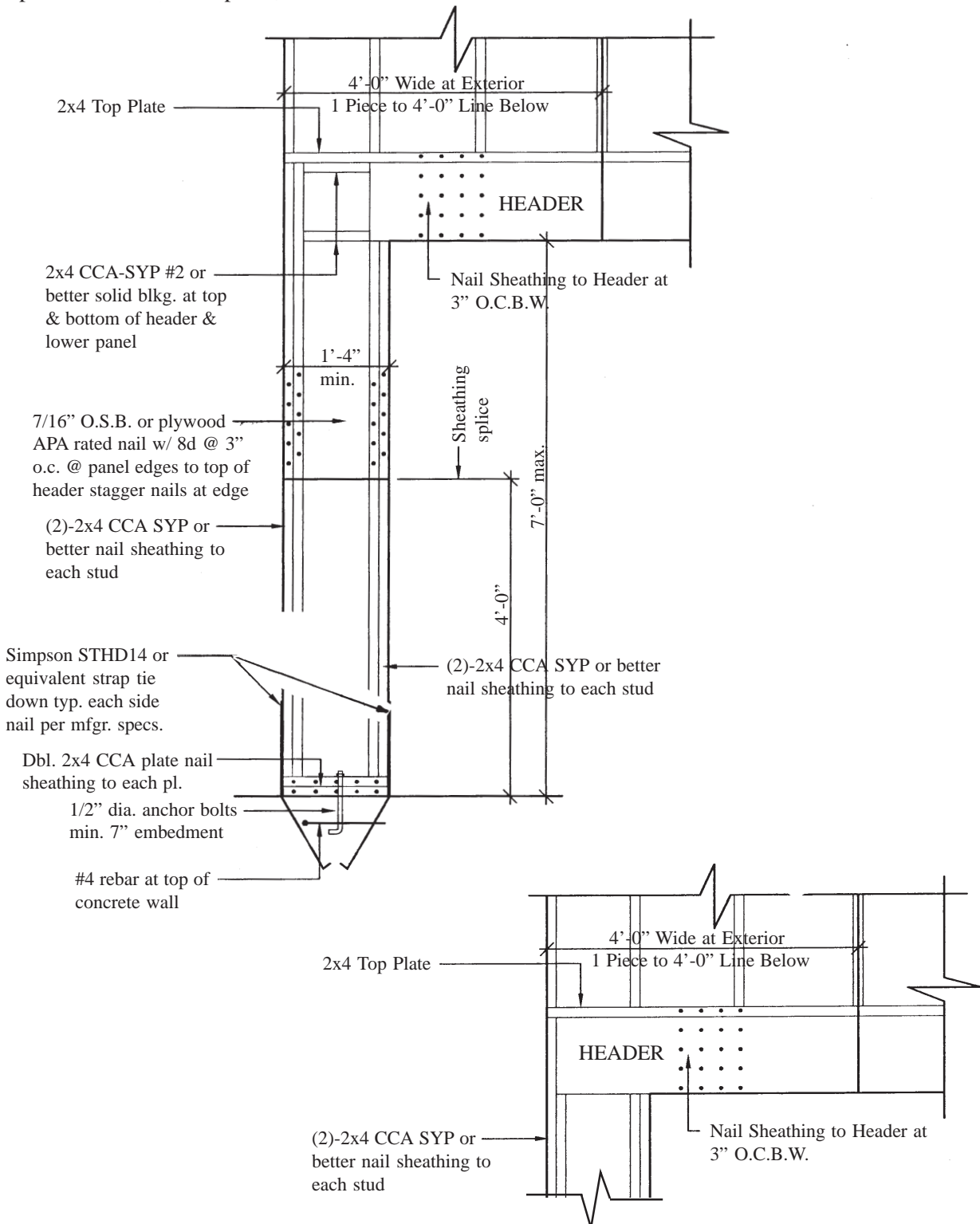
## Building Permit Fee Discounts

Effective February 11, 2002, building permit fees will be reduced by 10% from the current level. This discount applies only to building permits per resolution of agreement adopted by the City Council in December 1995. Currently, building permits are being surcharged an additional 35% above the base building permit fee rates established in the Building Code fee tables.

*Kurt Schroeder, Superintendent of Central Inspection*

# BRACED WALL PANEL AT GARAGE DOOR

The Board of Code Standards and Appeals has approved a standard design that may be used in lieu of the requirements found in the building codes regarding braced walls requirements for garage return walls. Builders may use this standard, one of the methods found in the building codes or opt to have an engineer design a bracing method specific to their needs. These requirements will start being enforced on the braced wall inspection (315) on all permits issued after April 2, 2002.



The City of Wichita-Office of Central Inspection, The Wichita Chapter of AIA & A.G.C. of Kansas announces an **ICBO Seminar-2000 IBC Nonstructural Provisions: An overview and Perspective.** March 18th & 19th 2002, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Century II Convention Center (room 101), Wichita, Ks.

This two-day seminar is designed to provide a broad overview of the nonstructural provisions of the 2000 International Building Code. It will be of special interest to anyone associated with the building construction industry: code regulatory agencies, design professionals, contractors, home builders and building owners. This seminar addresses the major elements of the IBC, including classification of buildings, means of egress, fire-resistive construction and fire-protection systems.

ICBO will be in the lobby with copies of their current publication available for sale. AIA Members earn 36 LU's for completing this course.

Cost for the two-day seminar is \$120 & does not include lunch.

Registration space is limited. Please register early.

**Fee must accompany application.** Make Checks payable to: **2000 IBC Seminar**

Please complete one application per person.

Return to: Loren Deines  
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If you are disabled, please attach a note outlining specific needs to make the seminar more accessible.

**For additional information contact Loren Deines at 268-4477**

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## Water Service Tap Fees Increase

The Wichita Water and Sewer Department will increase charges for tap fees on service sizes up to and including one inch from the current level of \$330 to \$500.

The effective date of this increase is February 11, 2002.

The tap fee covers the actual cost of the installation of the service, the meter, and related equipment. Tap fees had not increased in over ten years. As a result, the overall increase to \$720 will take place over a three year period

with fees increasing to the referenced \$500 in 2002; \$675 in 2003; and \$720 in 2004. Charges in 2004 will be reviewed in order to assure that fill cost recovery is being achieved.

Applicants constructing new properties wishing to apply for a tap prior to February 11 will need to pay plant equity fees at the time of application and must have a valid building permit for application approval. Tap fees will be refunded and applicants will need to reapply at the new rates if the building permit expires.

For customers applying for taps for existing properties, applications will be processed upon receipt of payment. The service will be stubbed in and the setter will be locked until the customer is ready to have a meter set.

*Wade Pascal*



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